



# Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company

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May 20, 2019

**VIA ECFS**

Kris Monteith  
Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau  
Federal Communication Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**CC Docket No. 02-33**

**RE: Notification of Discontinuance of Tariffed Wireline Broadband Internet Transport Service (WBITS) and Consumer Broadband-Only Loop (CBOL) Packet-Based and Initiation of Provision on a Permissive Detariffed Basis by:**

**Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co. (Defiance) SAC 351149 FRN#0004776464**  
**Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co. (Manilla) SAC 351235 FRN#0004776464**  
**Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co. SAC 351168 FRN#0004776464**

Dear Ms. Monteith:

Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company (Defiance), Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company (Manilla) and Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company ("Companies") respectfully files the attached notice pursuant to *Wireline Broadband Order* of the intent of the Companies to discontinue its WBITS and CBOL offerings in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No.5 effective July 2, 2019. Upon discontinuance of the tariffed offerings, the Companies will provide WBITS and CBOL on a common-carrier non-tariff basis. See *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities, Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers*, CC Docket No. 05-271, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 2 FCC Rcd 14853 (2005), FCC 05-150 (Rel. Sept. 23, 2005), (*Wireline Broadband Order*).

Any questions regarding the notice may be directed to Thomas Conry, CEO, Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company, 801 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Harlan, IA 51537, 712-744-3131.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas Conry  
CEO

CC: Reynolds Schultheis Consulting, Inc.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notice of Detariffing Packet-Based and Higher Capacity TDM Services was served this 20 day of May, 2019, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following:

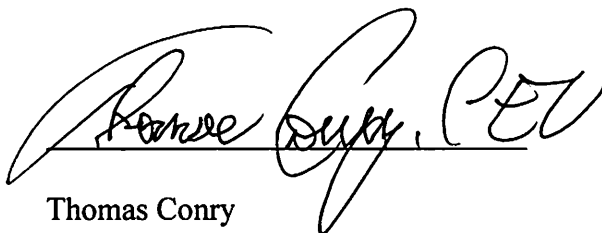
Secretary of Defense  
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Governor Kim Reynolds  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol  
1007 East Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Iowa Utilities Board  
Attn: Telecommunications Division  
1375 East Court Avenue  
Room 69  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

Dale Anson  
National Exchange Carrier Association  
14515 F. Street  
Omaha, NE 68137

FMCTC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Conry, CEO", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas Conry  
CEO  
Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company  
801 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Harlan, IA 51537

**Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Transport Service  
and Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service  
Effective July 2, 2019**

<b>Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co. (Defiance)</b>	<b>SAC 351149</b>
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(712) 744-3131**

**CC Docket No. 02-33**

Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company (Defiance), Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company (Manilla), and Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company (“Companies”) hereby provides notice that it plans to terminate provision of Wireline Broadband Internet Transport Service (WBITS) and Consumer Broadband-Only Loop (CBOL) on a tariffed basis effective July 2, 2019 at which time it plans to offer permissive detariffed WBITS and CBOL on a common-carriage basis pursuant to paragraph 94 of the Federal Communications Commission’s *Wireline Broadband Order*<sup>1</sup> The Companies currently offer WBITS through Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (“ADSL”) and Symmetric Digital Subscriber Line (“SDSL”) Access Service and CBOL under NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

The Companies requested NECA to remove the Companies as a carrier listed in NECA Tariff F.C.C. Tariff No. 5 as a provider of WBITS and CBOL effective July 2, 2019.

**Impact on Customers**

The only customer for the Companies WBITS is the affiliated non-regulated Internet Service Provider (“ISP”) operation. The affiliate purchases WBITS for use as a component in its broadband internet service sold to consumers and business customers. The discontinuance of the tariffed offerings of WBITS will have no effect on the end user service provided by the Companies. Currently there is no demand for CBOL service.

**Serving Area**

The Companies provision of WBITS and CBOL is limited to its ILEC serving areas in rural Iowa.

**Future Availability of WBITS and CBOL on a Permissive-Detariffed Common Carriage Basis**

The Companies will continue to make WBITS and CBOL available on a common-carriage basis through posting of rates, terms and conditions on its Internet website in a manner like that required for interstate and international interexchange services under Section 42.10 of the FCC’s Rules (47 C.F.R. § 42.10).

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<sup>1</sup> See *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities, Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers*, CC Docket No. 05-271, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 2 FCC Rcd 14853 (2005), FCC 05-150 (Rel. Sept. 23, 2005), (*Wireline Broadband Order*).

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**WBITS – CBOL DETARIFFING TIMELINE**

**May 20, 2019**

30-Day Notification filed with the following:

Federal Communications Commission (under CC Docket No. 02-33)  
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense  
The Honorable Kim Reynolds, Governor of Iowa  
Iowa Utilities Board  
National Exchange Carrier

**May 20, 2019**

Notice to Customers

As indicated above, the only customer for WBITS and CBOL is the Companies' affiliated non-regulated ISP operation. The 30-day notice to the affiliate ISP will be provided by interoffice e-mail with this notice attached.

**June 17, 2019**

Expected filing by NECA on 15-day notice of a tariff transmittal that will include, *inter alia*, removal of the Companies' from the list of issuing carrier offering ADSL and SDSL Access Service and CBOL.

**July 2, 2019**

Planned NECA tariff filing to become effective. Beginning on this date the Companies will no longer offer WBITS and CBOL under NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

July 2, 2019 Forward

WBITS and CBOL available on a common-carriage non-tariffed basis under rates, terms and conditions posted at [www.fmctc.com](http://www.fmctc.com)